Customer No. 31013 ATTORNEY 'S DOCKET NUMBER U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE FORM PTO~i590 161485-00502 -TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EQ/US) **CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371** INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED February 2, 2004 PCT/US2005/003388 February 2, 2005 TITLE OF INVENTION PROCESS FOR CONTROLLING THE DENSITY, CONFORMATION AND COMPOSITION OF THE HYDROPHILIC LAYER OF A POLYURETHANE COMPOSITE APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US THOMSON, Timothy Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: This application is the national stage filing of corresponding international application number PCT/US2005/003388, filed February 2, 2005, which claims priority to and benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/541,156, filed February 2, 2004 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/545,976 filed February 19, 2004. 1. This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. This is a SECOND or SUBSEOUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). 4. \(\text{The US has been elected (Article 31).}\) 5. A copy of the International Application (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) a. \square is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. \(\subseteq \) is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). a. \square is attached hereto. b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 1 54(d)(4). 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. \square are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. \square have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. have not been made and will not be made. 8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)). 9. An executed oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98; PTO 1449 and references cited therein. 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. A preliminary amendment. 14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. A substitute specification. 16. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 17. A paper and computer-readable form of the sequence listing 18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 1 54(d)(4). 19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 1 54(d)(4). 20. Other items or information:

U.S. APPLICATION NO PCT/US2005/003388 161485-00502 **CALCULATIONS** PTO USE ONLY The following fees are submitted: \$300 \$200 If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)......\$0.00 All other situations.....\$200.00 \$100 23. Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)......\$0.00 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority......\$100.00 International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously All other situations.....\$500.00 \$600.00 TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =Additional Fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. Number of Each additional 50 or fraction RATE Total Sheets Extra Sheets thereof (round up to a whole number) -100 = 00/50 = 0N/A x \$250.00 Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee or the oath or declaration \$ after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h). NUMBER FILED NUMBER EXTRA RATE CLAIMS 7-20 Total claims n x \$50.00 \$ 0 \$ Independent claims 3-3 x \$200.00 MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) + \$360.00 \$600.00 TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by ½ \$300.00 \$300.00 SUBTOTAL = Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest \$ claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). \$300.00 TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property + \$ TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = Amount to be refunded: charged: \$300.00 a. A check in the amount of \$.00 is enclosed to cover the above fees. b. A Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0540 in the amount of \$300.00 to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. \times The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. 1.495(b) or any other applicable provision in order to avoid abandonment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0540. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. d. Tees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status. SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: Customer No. 31013 Albert B. Chen, Reg. No. 41,667